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BORLAND PROPOSES | WELLESLEY GIRLS BRAVE FIRE PERIL COMPROMISE PLAN

Would Give Property Owners March Out in Good Order as M. Caillaux, Whose Wife Shot Right to Petition for Street Pavements.

OFFERED AS BASIS OF CONFERENCE AGREEMENT

Hopes to Procure Reinsertion of Pro- Burned Structure Most Pretentious Assassination Is Culmination of Bitvision Stricken From District Bill by Senate.

Representative Borland of Missouri to day made suggestions to Representative outting property. Representative Page. estimated at \$1,500,000. hairman of the subcommittee of the of the conferees with the Senate, and elimination of the Borland amendment from the bill as the House passed it is simply one of the difficult differes which must be smoothed over be fore the bause conferees will accept the ill as the Senate approved it.

The suggestion made by Representative Borland today grows out of the remarks made by Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, who hinted that it would be much fairer to the District if the law prorated the street paving charges between property owners and the District of Columbia, and if property owners were allowed. lumbia, and if property owners allowed to choose what streets be paved or repaved.

Added Clause Proposed.

Representative Borland proposes the following addition to the original Bor-

"Any of the foregoing improvements may be initiated by petition signed by the owners, resident in the District of Columbia, of a majority of the lineal feet of the private property to be assessed for such improvements fronting on the street, avenue, road, or portion thereof, to be improved. Such petition shall be filed with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and shall be canvassed by them to ascertain whether it be signed as herein required in case the petition is found to be sufficient and the improvement is one no part of the cost of which, except the intersections of streets, will be charged against the revenues of the District of Columbia, the Commissioners of the District shall forthwith proceed to let the necessary contracts for such work. If the improvement is one in which part of the cost will be charged against the revenues of the District of Columbia on account of the excess width of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess width of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess width of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess width of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess width of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess width of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess which of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess which of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the count of the excess which of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess which of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess which of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess which of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the count of t may be initiated by petition signed by the owners, resident in the District of Columbia, of a majority of the lineal feet of the private property to be assessed for such improvements fronting on the street, avenue, road, or portion thereof, to be improved. Such petition shall be filed with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and shall be canvassed by them to ascertain whether it be signed as herein required. In case the petition is found to be sufficient and the improvement is one no part of the cost of which, except the intersections of streets, will be charged against the revenues of the District of Columbia, the Commissioners of the District shall forthwith proceed to let the necessary contracts for such work. If the improvement is one in which part of the cost will be charged against the revenues of the District of Columbia on account of the excess width of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess width of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on account of the excess width of the street, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and and the scale of the District of Columbia, and in this case the petition shall stand over with full force and effect for the next fiscal year."

Mr. Borland's Argument.

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Representative Borland says of this

District of Columbia appropriation bill, flames. I have drawn an additional clause to the amendment giving property owners on a street the right to initiate improvements.

"It provides that property owners on a street forty feet or less in width may, by a petition signed by the resident owners of a majority of the front feet, require their street to be paved or repaved whenever they desire. Where the width of the street to be paved exceds forty feet a part of the cost would fall on the District of Columbia, and a majority of the street in a wheel District of Columbia, and a majority of the resident property owners can compe-the District to have it paved unless the appropriation for that purpose for the fiscal year is exhausted.

Practice in Other Cities.

have the right to demand public improvements as fast as they are willing to pay for them, and that no stree with the requirement that the prop-

It has been said that the old system general fund has been in force so long that it would be an injustice now to change it. This argument could be made against any form of new legislation because all reforms are accompanied by isolated cases of hardship, but the longer a system prevails the hardship in making the longer a system prevails the the hardship in making the At present I believe that only but the the hardship greater the hardship change. At present I believe the sper cent or 10 per cent of the possible sper cent or 10 per cent of the possible sper cent or 10 per cent of the possible sper cent or 10 per cent of the possible sper cent of the property of the specific s lumbia is improved, and, therefore, change can be made at this time tess hardship than ever again."

MEMORIAL TO WESTINGHOUSE. Pittsburghers Form Association to

Erect Monument. PUTTSBURGH, March 17.-Heads of he various Westinghouse concerns and well known Pittsburghers yesterday formed the Westinghouse Memorial Association. It is planned to erect in this city a memorial to the late George West- for the escape of those in the building mghouse. The memorial probably will take the form of a monument. Officers were elected as follows: President, H. G. Prout, vice president of the Union Switch and Signal Company; vice presidents, J. R. McGinley, president Duff Manufacturing Company, and John F. Miller, vice president Westinghouse Afrbrake Company; treasurer, W. D. Uptegraff, one tell fast about the girls while they develop make certain that every strucked to the fourth floor. Working under was on the fourth floor. Working under was of the private of the private and the fourth floor. Working under was of the fourth floor. Working under was of the fourth floor. Working under was of the fourth floor. Working under the was of the fourth floor. Working under was of the fourth floor. Working under was on the fourth floor. Working under was on the fourth floor. Working under was of the fourth floor. Working under was of the fourth floor. Working under was of the fourth floor. nghouse. The memorial probably will ng Company, and John F. Miller, vice!

president Westinghouse Airbrake Company; treasurer, W. D. Uptegraff, one of the executors of the Westinghouse estate; secretary, H. C. Tener, who was private secretary to Mr. Westinghouse.

One Killed; Three Hurt in Crash.

WASHINGTON, Pa. March 17.—One trainman was killed and three others were hurt probably fatally when a freight engine on the Baltimore and Onto railroad jumped the track and crashed into the West Washington stafreight engine on the Baltimore and crashed into the West Washington sta-

FRENCH CABINET

by Flames. AROUSED FROM SLEEP,

College Hall Is Destroyed

350 ESCAPE UNHARMED

of the College Group, Valued at \$1,500,000.

WELLESLEY, Mass., March 17.-Two hundred and fifty Wellesley students and today decided to retain office in spite of Page of North Carolina concerning a 100 other persons, including members of the resignation of Joseph Caillaux, mincompromise on the Borland the faculty and servants, fled for their ister of finance. mendment which the Senate struck out lives early today when fire destroyed Colof the District appropriation bill, and the lege Hall, the largest and most preten-effect of which was to put the entire tious of the buildings in the college Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro. Al ost of street paving on the owners of group. No one was injured. The loss is though Calliaux was considered the The college sessions have been tempo-

House, in charge of the bill, will be one rarily suspended and special trains were accept his resignation and to reorganize made up to take the girls to their homes. the various portfolios. Practically all of those who had rooms in the building lost their personal possessions and clothing. The superb behavior of the young won

> through smoke-filled halls and down stairways and fire escapes to safety.

Occupied Commanding Site.

College Hall had a commanding site on hill just east of Lake Waban. The heaval in French political life, is mean corner stone was laid in 1871. The building was of brick and stone with an interior today took an affecting leave of the offiof wooden fittings. It was five stories high, with a floor space of 500 by 120

The building was divided into dormitories, administrative offices and quarters for servants. Three hundred and fifty persons slept there last night—250 stu-dents, 50 members of the faculty and 50 maids employed by the faculty and stu-

Marched Out in Line.

Donnell then joined the other ot already responded to the gong. women. Some carried personal effects in their arms, but the greater umber had not waited to save their belongings. The halls were already filled with smoke, and the girls formed in line and marched from the building. The college volunteer fire brigade was

Once outside several of the girls Fire companies from Newton, Natick and Needham, responded to an alarm.

Leaving for Their Homes.

President Ellen S. Pendleton announc "I believe that property owners should that the college would be closed to the end of the usual spring vacation, April 7 March 27. The president asked all wh to pay for them, and that no street or section of the city should be neglected or discriminated against. This is almost universally the rule in American cities, but it is always combined only the complete that obliged to remain. Scores of telegrams obliged to remain. Scores of telegrams duty."

Having committed the deed, Mme. Caillaux submitted to arrest, and while content of the college made. erty owners pay for their own special from their homes were dispatched by the improvements. Much of the dissatistaction which has grown up in the District has been the result of a feeling by some of the smaller property owners that their streets or their sections of the city have been neglected or discriminated against in public improvements.

If rom their homes were dispatched by the students. Officials of the college made arrangements to provide funds for any who were in immediate need, and citizens threw open their homes to the students. The college telephone switchboard was located in the burned building, and teleprovements. students Officials of the college made arrangements to provide funds for any who were in immediate need, and citizens threw open their homes to the students. The college telephone switchboard was located in the burned building, and televant of the college telephone switchboard was located in the burned building, and televant of the college telephone switchboard was located in the burned building, and televant of the college made arrangements to provide funds for any whole support the part of the college was removed to the college made arrangements to provide funds for any whole support to the part of the college was remployes in the Figuro offices were taking the pistol from her hands she said:

"Since there is no justice in this country I take upon myself an act of justice."

Take me where you will." phone connection with the outside world was cut off soon after the fire started. Miss Rachael Freeman made her way to the nearest long distance line and, call-ing up Boston, gave the first news to the

press.

The first alarm was given at 5 a.m. by one of the girls, who awoke to find her room filled with smoke. Her screams aroused other students and attracted the attention of the watchman, William Mortimer. Mortimer sounded the fire gongs and within a few minutes the fire escapes and stairways were swarming with young women.

Later, borrowing cloths from occupants of other dormitories, the girls returned to the burning building and succeeded in saving many valuable

returned to the burning building and succeeded in saving many valuable books from the library on the lower floor before the flames reached it. Mrs. Mary Calkins, professor of psychology, who roomed in the building, assisted in the work.

The hall contained many valuable paintings and works of art. The cause of the fire is not known.

Girls' Fire Brigade Praised.

The college officials declared that the girls' fire brigade deserved all the credit The leader of the brigade was Miss ayed to make certain that every stu-lent had left her room. Inside of four minutes after the gong every girl was on her way to the cam-

work before waiting for a new buildtion near here early today. The injured
are hurt so badly that it is not believed
they will survive the day. J. E. Kinsley
of Benwood, W. Va, was killed inly done in the main building can be

TO RETAIN OFFICE

Editor of Figaro, Resigns, However.

WEEPS LIKE A CHILD ON MEETING OFFICIALS

ter Strife Between Minister of Finance and Publisher.

PARIS, March 17.-The French cabinet

M. Caillaux's resignation was strongest and most influential member of the cabinet, his colleagues determined to

interior, will become minister of finance Louis J. Malvy, minister of commerce will succeed M. Renoult as minister of en probably prevented heavy loss of life the interior. Raoul Peret, deputy from or injury to many who groped their way Vienna and under secretary of the interior, will become minister of

His Wife in Prison.

Mme. Caillaux, who caused this up while in St. Lazare prison. Her husbancials of the ministry of finance.

Acting on information given by Mme. Callaux, the police today took possession of various papers in the office of the editor of Figaro. It is understood that among these papers were various private letters written by M. Caillaux to his present wife before they were married and while she was still the wife of Leo

It is generally supposed that Mme. Calliaux had received an intimation that Calmette was about to publish these letters and it was this that led her to attack him. Calmette was a bitter political foe of Caillaux.

Breaks Down and Weeps

M. Caillaux appeared at the ministry ing in order to dispose of several urgent called into his private office several of the higher officials of the ministry and informed them of his resignation. The maiden name was Henriette Rainouard. She was the wife of Leo Claretic, brother broke down distance to the contract of the minister was extremely depressed. He broke down during his interview with the of the late Jules Claretie, from whon officials, and wept like a child. His she was divorced.

Cabinet Denounced.

hold the cabinet in any way responsible for the crime of Mme. Caillaux, yet the opportunity was seized by opponents of the cabinet to denounce M. Caillaux and his associates. The adherents of the government were somewhat disorganized and displayed a sentiment of diminished confidence as to the ministry being able to resist the attacks of the opposition. Mme. Caillaux went to the office of the Mme. Calliaux went to the office of the Figaro to carry out an act of vengeance against M. Calmette, who had been waging a campaign characerized by great bitterness against the minister of finance. She fired at least three tim

Mme. Caillaux immediately was removed to a police station, where she underwent a preliminary examination, the substance of which was communicated to the press at her desire.

"I am sorry," she said, "for what I was obliged to do. I had no intention of killing M. Calmette, and I would be happy to know that he will recover. I desired only to teach him a lesson."

sired only to teach him a les mette was preparing to leave his office i the company of Paul Bourget, the author He excused ffimself to receive Mme Caillaux.

Her Statement to Police.

In her statement to the police Mme Caillaux explained that the campaign against her husband had become intolerable and she determined to stop it. She consulted an eminent lawyer, who advised her that legal proceedings would be futile—that they were often worse in the case of an innocent person than in the case of the guilty. She decided then to take the law into her hands. She bought a revolver, drove to the Figaro office and a revolver, drove to the Figaro office and sent in her card. M. Calmette was most polite and asked

what he could do for her.
"'It is needless for me to pretend that I
am making a friendly call,' I answered," said Mme. Calilaux. "Then, losing all control of myself at the thought of the humiliations inflicted on my husband, I drew my revolver from my must and fired all the cartridges. M. Calmette was surprised at the first report and tried to take shelter behind a desk."

shelter behind a desk."

Mme. Catllaux was charged formally
with attempted homicide and removed to
St. Lazare prison. Later the charge was
changed to homicide. Mme. Caillaux,
when she was taken from the police station to St. Lazare prison after committing the crime, was accompanied by Arthur Leymarie, chief private secretary of the minister for war. She conversed calmly with him.
"My husband is one of the most honest

"My nuspand is one of the most honest of men," she said. "The press campaign which has been carried on against him for some time is frightful. I tremble every morning when I open the news-

prison told her she was to be put in cell.

Mme. Caillaux is the minister's third

Minister's Third Wife.

officials, and wept like a child. His colleagues quietly withdrew and left him alone. When he had become somewhat more composed M. Cailiaux proceeded to his private residence.

Because of the hostile demonstrations by street crowds a number of detectives were assigned today to protect the minister.

Strong police pickets were placed in the vicinity of the private residence of M. Cailiaux in the Rue Alphonse de Neuville in order to prevent demonstrations.

A group of students from the Latin Quarter paraded the streets today shouting against Cailiaux and the cabinet.

Cabinet Denounced.

The chamber of deputies opened with only fifteen members in their seats. Some hundreds of others spent their time in the lobbies and committee rooms discussing the situation brought about by the assassination of M. Calmette. Although it was regarded as illogical to hold the cabinet in any way respective.

Accusations by Victim.

Mr. Calmette also charged that M. Caillaux had "tanned" the Compton Nation- the strike leader said she was entrained ale DeEscompte and other banks to the amount of 80,000 Among other accusations it was charged that the minister had exerted pressure on the judges to postpone the trial of Henri Rochette who was arresed in Paris in 1908 on th charge of swinding on an enormous scale, thus enabling him to flee to Mexico. M. Caillaux was also charged with authorizing the quotation on the whereby vast sums were lost by French M. Caillaux contented himself with is

M. Caillaux contented himself with issuing categorical denials. But on March 13 the Figaro printed a fac simile of a letter from M. Caillaux to an intimate friend, dated "the senate. July 16, 1901," at the time M. Caillaux was minister of finance in the Waldeck-Rousseau cabinet—in which he said he had been successful in crushing the income tax, although seemingly he was defending the tax. This brought matters to a climax, and it was understood that the finance ministered to take proceedings against was understood that the finance minis-ter intended to take proceedings against M. Calmette for publishing a private letter without authority either from the

PLANS FOR MEETING HERE.

National Conference of Catholic Charities Scheduled for September. NEW YORK, March 17.-The special ommittee in charge of the program for the next biennial national conference of Catholic charities, which is to be held in Washington from September 20 to Sep-

DEATH SENTENCE STANDS.

But Governor Will Investigate Case of William A. Dorr. BOSTON, March 17.-The state box

parole refused today to interfere in the case of William A. Dorr of Stockto Cal., who is sentenced to die next weel for the murder of George E. Marsh of Gov. Walsh announced that because of the closeness of the vote he would not accept the decision of the board until he had made further investigation. The vote was thr

2.493 Idle Men in Jersey City. JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 17 .-

olice canvass shows 2,496 men are out papers."
The prisoner's composure falled, however, when the chief warden of St. Lazare

MOTHER JONES FREED

Proceedings in Her Behalf for Writ of Habeas Coppus Discontinued

WANTED-A ST! PATRICK!

DENVER. Col., March 17.-The que ion whether the imprisonment of "Mother" Mary Jones, who this been held in-San Rafael Hospital in Trindad since January 12, constitutes a violation of a violation of the military authorities releasing the risoner and automatically suspending T. C. MacMillan, clerk of the court, rehabeas corpus proceedings which were to have been filed in the state supreme court vesterday.

Wide Variance in Statements.

parture of "Mother" Jones from Trini-dad and her appearance in Denver were given in widely differing versions from strike leaders and state officials. While by militia guards at Trinidad Sunday night without her cousent, Adjt. Gen. John Chase asserted the was brought to Denver and released upon her ex pressed wish to interview Gov. Ammons, and that the presence of guards on the train on which she arrived in Denver was train on which she arrived in a mere coincidence.
Further developments of the situation did not appear likely until the end of this week. "Mother" Jones said she will return to Trinidad in defiance of Gen. Chase's alleged the eat of immediate

CHICAGO'S HEAVY

Registration of Wonen Makes Polling List Larger Than New York's.

CHICAGO, March 173-Chicago wome ad their final oppostunity today to register for the April aldermanic ele register for the April andermanic electrons at which they will cast their first works under the women's suffrage act of the officers had been connected with the last liknois legislature. Woman suffrage leaders campaign managers and election officions estimated that the names of from 75,000 to 150,000 women will have been added to the voting lists when the polling places close at t o'clock this evening. More than 158,000 women qualified as volers at a registra-

tion last month.

The men's registration is expected to be light as there has been no general moving day since the February regisration. There are now 433,624 men listed on the registry books.

ed on the registry books.

William H. Stewart, Gerk of the election board estimated that 750,000 men and women will be eligible to vote at the April election after tolky's registration. New York's registry list contains about 692,000 names. Women's clubs, suffrage organizations, political sarties and independent candidates for aldermen made organized efforts to get the women to register today. Many women were carried to the polling places in automobiles while trained nurses took care of their children. More than 700 women acted as election officials. THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

TO TEST RIGHT IN COURT.

St. Louis Building: Commissioner Wants Official Powers Defined. ST. LOUIS, March 17 -- Six of the

argest theaters in the sity were threatened with revocation of their licenses by Building Commissioner McKelvey because the buildings are not of fireproo structure. The investigation which led to the discovery of the condition of the theaters originated at the inquiry con-cerning the Missouri Ateletic Club fire of

week ago, in which thirty lives were

would make a test case of one of the theaters that the courts might decide whether he had the power to revoke the license. If he is successful in the fight against unsafe theaters McKelvey said he would take similar action against mercantile firms socupying bridings which are not of freproof construction.

U. S. JUDGES DEFY MCREYNOLDS

Pay Clerks' Salaries, Contrary to Orders From Washington.

CHICAGO, March 17.-In defiance of an rder from the Department of Justice at Washington, United States Judges Carpenter and Landis yesterday issued a joint order providing for the payment full of the back salaries for January and February of the employes in the red by the action late Sunday night of Chicago office of the clerk of the United

ceived notice several months ago that the salaries of employes in his office must be paid out of net to exceed 50 per cent of the office receipts. According to Mac-Millan this meant either salaries Circumstances surrounding the de-

The judges made an investigation and cound that none of the present force found that none of the present force could be spared although 50 per cent of the receipts would not cover the payroll. Office salaries for January and February had been held up pending the outcome of the investigation.

START ON ASIATIC CRUISE. Widow of Philanthropist Kennedy

and Others on Mission Tour. NEW YORK March 17-Mrs Emm

B. Kennedy, widow of John S. Kennedy nker and philanthropist, sailed today of for the Mediterranean to begin a twomonth missionary cruise to the Asiatic stations and colleges endowed by her

husband.

Rev. Dr. A. Woodruff Halsey and Mrs.
Halsey and Rev. Dr. A. F. Schauffler,
superintendent of the New York city
missions, and Mrs. Schauffler, who is
Mrs. Kennedy's sister, accompanied Mrs.
Kennedy. Rev. Dr. J. H. Jewett, pastor
of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church,
and Mrs. Jewett will leave New York
April 1, joining Mrs. Kennedy in Rome.

Put Back on "Beats," Ten Resign. CHICAGO, March 17.-Rather than return to uniforms and again patrol "beats." ten veteran Chicago policemen esigned yesterday when they were

Will Consists of Single Sentence. TRENTON, N. J., March 17.-The late court of errors and appeals used only ten words to dispose of his estate, valued at between \$15,000 and \$100,000. His will, filed in the office of the surrogate yesterday, is a single sentence: "I give all my property, whatsoever kind, to my wife."

Southern Publishers End Sessions. ATLANTA, Ga., March 17.-A dozen ublishers of southern newspapers dis ssed various problems of business and editorial management before the closing ession here today of the annual meeting f the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association. Advertising questions held a

Met at noon.

Senator Saulsbury offered bill to have government purchase Chesapeake and Delaware canal. Senator Tillman's directions for physical exercises were read to

Met at noon.

Debated pension bills and river and harbor appropriations.

Judiciary committee conferred on the report on the McDermott charges in the lobby investigation. Interstate commerce comm took testimony in favor of auth ing price fixing

AID OF ARCHITECTS PROMISED CAPITAL

American Institute to Join in Ordered Favorably Reported Campaign to Preserve Half-and-Half Plan.

WOMEN TO BE ENLISTED IN FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

Washington's Cause to Friends Throughout Country. The American Institute of Architects

etter received by Henry B. F. Mac-

ommittee of the committee of 100. day, March 23. rom R. Clipston Sturgis of Boston, president of the American Institute of with its Johnson-Prouty amendments will headquarters in Washington, at Octa- legislative crisis in District affairs, as gon House, and it has chapters the House will have to decide on the throughout the United States. The in- question of whether it will support Represtitute is a large organization, nuome of the most influential men in the or Representatives Johnson and Prouty

asking his aid in getting the facts pre-sented in the report of the executive com-mittee of the committee of 100 before the members of the institute throughout the members of the institute throughout the United States in view of the special in-terest the institute has taken in the de-velopment and beautification of the Na-tional Capital. The response of Mr. Sturgis was immediate and complete.

To Give List of Names.

The executive committee has been i ormed by the secretary of the American Federation of Arts, also having its head-House, that he will furnish the committee of the Fine Arts Society throughout the

The executive committee will send coples of its report, which gives twenty reasons why the present half-and-half plan of supporting the District of Columbia should not be disturbed, to each of these constituent members of the Fine Arts Society direct. It is believed that the arguments presented in the report will be made use of by these constituent members, and that they will accede to the committee's request to appeal to their senator and representatives in Congress against any alteration of the half-and-half plan. The executive committee will send cop

aif plan. Chairman Macfarland had an inter-Chairman Macfarland had an interview this morning at Continental Hall with Mrs. William Cumming Story of New. York, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and presented her with a copy of the report of the executive committee to the committee of 100, with the request of the executive committee that if practicable the matter should be laid before the before the members of the society throughout the country.

Mrs. Story said she would give the request early consideration, but could say nothing more at the present time.

Women Asked to Help. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chairman of the Club yesterday afternoon, at the Comstock

Club yesterday afternoon, at the Comstock Studio on G street, in which he expressed his belief that the half-and-half plan is safe in the hands of Congress.

Dr. Wiley and others purpose to deliver addresses before every woman's organization in the District of Columbia on this subject in the near future. The plan is to have the members of the various woman's organizations write to their friends and relatives all over the country, urging them to petition their representatives in Congress to permit no alteration of the half-and-half plan now in force.

Dr. Wiley pointed out that while he feels that the half-and-half plan is safe in the hands of Congress, not a single

in the hands of Congress, not a single effort should be relaxed by the members of the committee of the effort should be relaxed by the members of the committee of 100 and others who are interested in the progress of the capital to show Congress just where the people of the country stand on this question.

"There is plenty to do." he said, "and we wish you ladies and all others interested in the capital would call on your friends and relatives, wherever they may live in the United States, and see that they do all in their power to help us make their Capital city and ours just what it should be—the most beautiful and most progressive capital in the world."

Speaker Heartily Received.

A hearty reception was accorded the

peaker. The occasion for the gathering vas a piano recital by George Alexander Mosshart, which was followed by a tea. Among those present were Mrs. Ray-nond B. Morgan, Misses Nina F. Allen, Among those present were Mrs. Raymond B. Morgan, Misses Nina F. Allen, Helen Anderson, Alice C. Atwood, Margaret Bayly, Angie M. Beckwith, Heloise Brainerd and Jessie J. Brainerd, Mrs. Alberta W. Brown, Mrs. Alberta B. Bushnell, Misses Vera K. Charles, Mabel Colcord, Lulu E. Conner, Emily S. Cook, Carrie M. Davis, Cora K. Dunnells, Cora L. Feldkamp, Stella R. Fox. Helen N. Gary, Malina A. Gilkey, Mary A. Hartwell, Emma B. Hawks, Florence A. Hill, Bertha C. Hite, L. B. Holbrook, Cora Jacobs, Dr. Anna M. Ketcham, Mrs. J. A. Le Clerc, Miss Katherine H. McReynolds, Mrs. Haven Metcalf, Miss Emma S. Miller, Mrs. Agnes Nourse, Misses Anna Pierce and H. Juli Pitman, Mrs. Malcolm Price, Mrs. Willis Rice, Miss Helen Silliman, Miss Emma F. Sirrine, Mrs. Mary Gordon Slarrow, Miss Marion P. Stover, Mrs. L. B. Swormstedt, Mrs. Thompson, F. E. Throckmorton, Hannah L. Wessiller, Lalan D. Wise and Gertrude Lee F. E. Throckmorton, Hannah L. Wess-ling, Helen D. Wise and Gertrude Lee

McCombs Declines Another Job. ALBANY, N. Y., March 17 .- William F.

national committee, has declined Gov. Glynn's offer to nominate him for a position on the first district public service commission. Mr. McCombs' reason for McCombs, chairman of the democratic commission. Air. accomins reason for his declination was that he desired to practice law. Mr. McCombs has been active in furthering the governor's reorganization plan for the democratic party within the state. He has been regarded

Harvard Has \$20,000 Deficit.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 17 .- No. withstanding an income of \$2,727,877, Har vard University last year spent more than it received. The annual report of Charles Francis Adams. 2d, treasurer, shows a deficit of nearly \$20,000.

Edward S. Holden Dead. WEST POINT, N. Y., March 17 .- Dr. Ed-

mer, scientist and educator and librarian of the United States Military Academy since 1902, died here yesterday at the age

JOHNSON-PROUTY PLAN IS ADOPTED

to the House by District Committee.

A LEGISLATIVE CRISIS IS EXPECTED NEXT MONDAY

Planned to Have Them Present Members Will Then Have to Decide Between George System and Ideas He Opposes.

The Johnson-Prouty plan to levy taxes announced today that it intends to sup-port heartily the movement for the pro-ble and intangible, all at the same rate, ection of the capital, and that it with the expectation of raising \$14,000,000. pledges its co-operation to the commit- where but half of that is now collected was ordered favorably reported to the This announcement is contained in a House by a majority of the District committee members today, and will be 'arland, chairman of the executive in shape for the next District day, M

On that day, assuming the George bil rchitects. This organization has its be taken up for discussion, will occur a perically, and its membership includes planned system of real estate taxation and the more hastily devised system which will tax everything in sight, and which has been characterized by Representative George as an indirect method of attack against the half and half plan.

How Members Voted. The vote for the Johnson-Prouty plan

today was as follows: Caraway, Hart, Thompson, Claypool, Cary, Prouty, Mapes Against it were Representatives George goe, Crosser, Wallin and Walters.

Absent from the committee room were Representatives Aiken, Gorman, O'Leary, Reed, L'Engle, Winslow and Keister. The bill will be officially known as the George bill for assessment and taxation, but the Prouty-Johnson amendments rob

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Representative Prouty will write the majority report on the amended bill, while Representative George will write a minority report.

Representative George will offer amendments to the bill providing for a commission to investigate the fiscal relations between the United States and the District of Columbia, for the purpose of establishing the fact that Representative Prouty's ideas on the subject and necessity for a personal property tax are wrong, and Representative Prouty will retailiste probably with an amendment to establish an investigation looking toward the establishment of a different form of government in the District of Columbia.

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Representative Prouty believes that he national capital should have a municipal life exactly the same as othe ities, and should not receive financial

aid from the United tSates. The District committee met today to make the George bill conform to the recen amendments taxing all sorts of property at a fixed rate, not less than 5 mills to a dollar. At the conclusion of the adoption of the various slight amendments necessary all through the bill the committee voted to report the

EXPLORER STEFANSSON SENDS CHEERING REPORT

Party in Good Spirits and Engaged in Important Work in Mackenzie Delta.

OTTAWA, Ontario, March 17.-Malls ust received at Ottawa from the royal northwest mounted police stationed at Fort MacPherson transmit letters to the naval department from Vilhjarmur Stef-

ensson, written in January. Stefansson reports that the members of his party are all in good spirits and are conducting valuable exploration work in the Mackenzie delta, which has never before been accurately mapped. He refers to his projected sled trip over the snown region to the northwest of Hersolvel Island. He says he expects to do at least 150 miles out into the Arctic, where no one has ever been before and where there may be undiscovered islands, and if the traveling is good he may have the says the says of the traveling is good he may have the says of the

even get 300 miles away from Herschel Island.

If his original plans hold good Stefanson is now returning from that trip. He gave no new information in regard to the Karluk.

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The naval department has notified the Russian government that there is a possibility of the Karluk drifting in the ice across the Arctic ocean and landing in Siberia. In that event it may be three or four years before the crew of twenty-five, including five or six scientists is five, including fi again heard from The vessel is p

sel is provisioned for five years DRAFTING NEW WAGE SCALE.

Coal Operators and Mine Workers Begin Adjourned Joint Conference.

CHICAGO, March 17.-An adjourned joint conference of coal operators and representatives of the United Mine Workers of America was begun here today to draft a new wage scale for the bituminous coal miners of western Pennsylvania, Ohlo, Indiana and Illinois. The present scale will expire April 1.

A previous conference was held in Philadelphia several weeks ago and was adjourned at the request of the miners. At the Philadelphia meeting the miners made demands for 5 cents a ton advance, 10 per cent advance on desid work and that all coal should be paid for on a mine-run basis.

FOR SOCIAL SERVICE EXHIBIT Dr. R. G. Boville Planning for Panama-Pacific Exposition.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.-Dr. Rob-

ert G. Boville of New York, national director of the Church and College Ministry to Children Associations, arrived here try to Children Associations, arrived here yesterday to arrange for a social service work exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition. He will hold a three-day conference with church workers here on the problem of child welfare.

Dr. Boville will endeavor to further a movement here to have the churches in the. United States open their doors in summer to social and child welfare work.